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LOK SABHA

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CENTRALLY SPONSORED AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drastically reduced the number and curtailed the allocation for the Centrally Sponsored schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan as compared to the previous Five Year Plans in respect of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Agriculture Research;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the impact on marginal and small farmers and other weaker sections of the society; and

(d) the remedial/corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 210 DUE FOR REPLY ON 6TH MARCH, 2006.

(a) to (d): An exercise in zero based budgeting / convergence resulted in merger of a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented during Ninth Plan. These were restructured during the Tenth Five Year Plan by the Ministry of Agriculture for providing greater flexibility to States in use of funds, efficiency and focus towards small and marginal farmers. Accordingly, during the Tenth Five Year Plan, 9 Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) as compared to 38 schemes in Ninth Plan. These are

(i) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);

(ii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm, and Maize (ISOPOM);

(iii) Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC);

(iv) National Horticulture Mission;

(v) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern Region including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal;

(vi) Micro Irrigation;

(vii) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms;

(viii) Improvement of Agricultural Statistics; and

(ix) Agriculture Census.

Similarly, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHD&F) is implementing 7 schemes during Tenth Plan vis-Ã -vis 17 schemes in Ninth Plan. These are

(i) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breed;

(ii) National Project for improvement of Poultry and Small Animals;

(iii) Intensive Dairy Development Project & Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production;

(iv) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture;

(v) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operation;

(vi) Welfare Programme for Fishermen and Training and Extension including HRD; and

(vii) Livestock Health.

No Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture Research and Education (DARE). However, under the zero based budgeting exercise, approximately 200 Central Sector Plan Schemes under implementation during the Ninth Five Year Plan have been merged/integrated into 71 major Central Sector Schemes in the Tenth Five Year Plan.

The Plan allocation under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture during the Tenth Plan has increased as compared to the Ninth Five Year Plan as given in the following Table.

Allocation of Plan Funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs)

Rs. Crore

Sl.No.	Name of Department	Ninth Plan Outlay	Tenth Plan Outlay	% age increase
1.	Department of Agriculture and Cooperation	3476.55	9847.33	183.25%
2.	Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries	1596.12	1729.00	8.33%
3.	Department of Agriculture Research and Education	3376.95#	5368.00#	58.96%

Note: # This outlay is only for Central Sector Schemes as DARE is not implementing any Centrally Sponsored Scheme.